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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Application, Amendments, And/Or Claims

The reply submitted 24 May 2004 has been entered in full. Claims 2-25 and 30 are canceled. Claims 1 and 26-29 are under examination.

Withdrawn Rejections And/Or Objections

The rejection of claims 1 and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Oppermann et al. (U.S. Patent 5,266,683) is *withdrawn* in view of Applicant's response showing that parent application 07/525,357 contains enabling support for the invention claimed in the instant application. Applicant's assistance in reconstructing parent file 07/525,357 is greatly appreciated to resolve this issue.

Allowable Subject Matter

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth C. Kemmerer, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0874. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Caputa, Ph.D. can be reached on (571) 272-0829. The fax phone

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